

THE DAILY
SHORT STORY

Sophie Advertises.
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SHE was a vague, indefinite blond, with the look of one born to be imposed upon. Not that she ever really was, for no one ever paid enough attention to her for that. Her father was a retired farmer, and she was the only child of a second marriage, born when her father and mother were both advanced in life. They lived in a little Kentucky town, and were the kind you call "good, substantial people," but never invited any place.

She did not play with other children, and she went to school just to study. Every Sunday she went to Sunday school, and by the time she was in high school she was playing the organ. She had no musical talent, but she was conscientious, and she had nothing to do but practice.

A little Kentucky town is the nicest place in the world to live when you are between 16 and 20. There are dances and moonlight picnics at the springs, and parties and lots of visitors, but Sophie merely heard of these. And a little town has nothing to make up for merely hearing of. Sophie was not even invited to the big teas at which nearly every one was included. It was not that she was intentionally left out, but no one ever thought about her.

She didn't really want to go to the parties, but she did want to be invited. But Sophie kept on practicing. A few times she went to the picture show with a girl who lived next door who was in love with a boy her mother would not let her see. He would meet them, and walk home with them. They both ignored Sophie, but she rather enjoyed it anyhow. In time that diversion ended, and the girl forgot about her.

After she was graduated from high school, she went to the Cincinnati conservatory for the summer term. Then she came home to teach music, and because she played the organ at church she got some pupils from that congregation. Most of them looked upon her as inanimate as the piano they banged upon by the clock.

Sophie herself neither liked nor disliked teaching. It simply took the place of some of the practicing.

The year she was 29, her father and mother both died. For six months she lived alone, with no one but the old colored cook to be near her. What Sophie was thinking during those six months—or for that matter what she had been thinking those twenty-nine years—none one ever considered. But at the end of the six months Sophie appeared in a new spring suit. Now there is nothing startling in a new spring suit, but this was very early in the spring, when only a few of the girls had new suits, and besides, this was the first suit that Sophie had ever had that any one had noticed. It wasn't an extreme suit, and it was dark blue, but it had a big white collar and style was written all over it. Also Sophie had her hair curled, and a new hat—and it wasn't a little inconspicuous hat either.

A few days later, she again wore the suit, and this time she was wearing a huge corsage of Ward roses and violets. And every one saw Sophie. Curiosity plays a big part in our social relations. People who had barely spoken to Sophie now began to talk to her. And about her they talked even more.

Letters came to her, always by special delivery. The postmistress told this. Yes, a man's writing, and the letterheads of a Louisville paper. A box of candy came from Louisville that week too.

They knew about the letters Sophie received, but it was just as well that they didn't know about the ones she sent. Several weeks before she had written the first and hardest one. It was to the advertising manager of the Louisville paper, and she sent it because she had read some "Talks on Advertising." The talk said that you could get anything you wanted if you advertised. It was most convincing. Sophie read it several times, and each time she was sure that the only way she ever would get what she wanted was through advertising. Only she wasn't sure how to do it, so she wrote to the advertising manager.

"Dear Sir: I have read your 'Talks on Advertising,' and I want you to help me. I want a man, good-looking, well educated, to come to Emfield to see me. I am 29 years of age, and neither pretty nor attractive or I wouldn't have to advertise. There is no 'Object matrimony' to it, for I honestly don't want to marry. I do want to be rushed, sent candy and flowers and all the rest of it, even if I have to pay for it all.

"I have lived here in Emfield all my life, and no one has ever noticed me. If they do at all they simply feel sorry for me. What I want is to make them think that some one is interested in me. And he must be a man they will notice and wonder what he sees in me. I will pay all expenses and whatever salary seems fair. It will not be easy for the man, for I am not at all interesting.

"I prefer a big man, with dark hair. And a corsage of Ward roses and violets and Sweetman's candy.

"SOPHIE BROWN."

The man who read the letter was interested. In spite, or perhaps because, of the frankness of Sophie's statement that she was not at all interesting. He had lived in a little town himself, and he could see the situation. He was going to take his vacation in two weeks anyhow, and he might as well go down to Emfield and talk to the woman. It would make a good story some day. In the meantime, he could try Ward roses and violets.

He was big, and his hair was dark. While he didn't want the job he could endure it for a day or so, and get some local color. So, two weeks later, he arrived in Emfield.

Sophie, in the new suit, curled hair and a new corsage, met him. Of course he knew her by the corsage, and she wasn't at all like he expected. She wasn't ugly, and her clothes were in good taste and she wore them well. The indefinite look had gone, and to a stranger Sophie was a rather attractive looking girl—that is, to a stranger who had pictured her as much older looking and decidedly ugly.

There were a number of people at the train. When a man rushed over to Sophie and she greeted him with such genuine warmth, speculation began. To reach Sophie's home it was necessary to go through the main part

LOCAL SOCIAL EVENTS

Motored Through Fairmont
Mr. and Mrs. W. Hunter Atha, formerly of this city, now of Zanesville, O., were here yesterday en route to Waynesburg, Pa., to visit relatives. They motored through in their touring car.

Motored From Morgantown
Mrs. Martha Taylor, Mrs. E. E. Knutli, Mrs. John L. Douglas, Mrs. George Veiwig and Mrs. C. A. Albright, of Morgantown, motored here yesterday in the Taylor car and spent several hours.

Leaving For School
A number of Fairmont young persons left yesterday for school in eastern cities and others will leave tonight and tomorrow. Miss Ruth Phillips left yesterday afternoon for Washington, D. C., to enter Gunston and last night Miss Grace Heintzelman and Miss Helen Robinson left for Washington where the former takes a post graduate course at Gunston and the latter enters for the year.

They were accompanied by Mrs. Mason Wood who will spend a few days in the Capitol City. Mrs. Wood's son, Mason Wood, who attends Stuyvesant school at Warrenton, Va., also accompanied the party. Miss Mary Moulds Hurst left yesterday for Pittsburgh to re-enter Winchester. This morning Miss Mary Frances Hartley left for Northampton, Mass., to re-enter Smith college and Miss Virginia Cook left for Birmingham, Pa., to enter the Birmingham college. Tonight the Misses Lucille Shain, Eleanor Fox and Louise Hite leave for Washington to enter Bristol school and Miss Pauline Jamison leaves tonight for Philadelphia to enter school at Oaklane.

The Misses Virginia Alexander and Mildred LeMaster, who were to have left today for Philadelphia to re-enter Miss Sayward's school at Overbrook, were detained here a week by a message announcing that the school would not re-open before the 17th. Miss Edith Hartman leaves Saturday for Boston to enter the Leland Powers school of Expression. Her mother, Mrs. W. T. Hartman will accompany her to Boston.

Suffrage Organization to Meet.
The local suffrage organization will meet tonight at the Woman's building at 7:30 o'clock. Important business will be transacted.

Will Entertain Mrs. Hale.
Mrs. Beatrice Forbes Robertson Hale who speaks here tomorrow night in the circuit court room at the court house in the interests of equal suffrage will be entertained at the home of Hon. and Mrs. O. S. McKinney on First street.

HELD AS "LURE" IN BLACKMAIL CASE



Miss Godman, said by federal authorities to have been "the lure" in the blackmailing of Edward F. West, Chicago tea importer, for \$15,000 is under a charge of conspiracy. She will be one of the defendants in the nation-wide million-dollar blackmail cases occupying the attention of the department of justice.

of town. In a few hours, all the people who had talked about her changed appearance knew that a man had come. When he went down to the hotel there were several men who had been coached to find out about him.

He soon let them know of his interest in Sophie—it seemed that he had known her for years, but she would never let him come while her mother and father were living. This was repeated, with details added, until the whole town knew he was in love with Sophie. He had come to stay two days. He stayed a week, and then stopped by again for a day on his way back from his fishing trip. He had really enjoyed the campaign, and he liked Sophie.

Sophie understood there was nothing personal in the affair. She was happy in the sensation she had created in the aroused interest of the town. She didn't want to marry him; he was sure of that. But the night before he left he asked her to be his wife.

"Oh, you've made it perfect!" she said. "I don't want to marry you, but I like all the parties—I wanted you to ask me! I'll remember it always, and be glad. And I want you to be glad, too, that you have made me so happy."

Sophie went back to teaching music. But she doesn't practice as much, and she plays rag. She gets popular music every few weeks from Louisville, so the postmistress says. She doesn't have as much time to practice, for she has learned to play bridge, and the new preacher who came about the same time Sophie's new suit did, is most devoted. The bridge and the preacher seem to combine very well, too, which proves that Sophie really is rather unusual.

After all, advertising is a great thing.

BELL-ANS
Absolutely Removes
Indigestion. One package
proves it. 25c at all druggists.

Gainor-Parker.
Friends of Miss Gladys Parker, the daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Parker of Pennsylvania avenue have been notified by telegram of her marriage to Mr. Lorain Gainor, formerly of Belington now of this city which event was solemnized yesterday in Oakland. Miss Parker had been on a visit to relatives in Terra Alta and was joined there by Mr. Gainor. They went on to Oakland where the marriage ceremony was performed.

The bride is a graduate of the Fairmont high school having been a member of the J. O. Watson class. Mr. and Mrs. Gainor are now in Belington on a visit to relatives of the former. They will reside in this city.

Entertaining Auxiliary.
Mrs. J. E. Sands is hostess to the Woman's Auxiliary of Christ church this afternoon at Peacock Farm.

PERSONALS

Mrs. C. F. Jenkins has returned from Detroit, Mich., where he had spent several days. Mrs. Jenkins who accompanied him will return home tomorrow.

Clifford Bell left last night for Baltimore to resume his studies at the Baltimore College of Dental surgery.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Workman have returned from Wheeling where the former attended the M. E. Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Crane and J. L. Leech have returned from Wheeling where they attended the M. E. Conference.

Mrs. Mary Holland of Little Falls is the guest of Mrs. C. O. Parker on Pennsylvania avenue.

Mr. J. W. Parker of Murray avenue continues ill at his home.

Mrs. M. C. Russell formerly of this city who resides at Morgantown spent today here.

Mrs. William Burdette, Mrs. Harry Louden, Misses Kate Smith and Lela Love, of Grafton, were visitors in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin has returned from a trip to Chicago and points in Indiana.

Mrs. A. Holden, of Littleton, is the guest of her son, E. D. Holden, on the East side.

Mrs. J. A. Johnston, of Hundred, who had been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Hupp, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Steele has returned from a two weeks visit with relatives in Washington and Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Walker who had resided at Hillcrest for the summer has returned home.

YOUR SICK CHILD
IS CONSTIPATED!
LOOK AT TONGUE

IF CROSS, FEVERISH OR BILIOUS
GIVE CALIFORNIA SYRUP OF
FIGS.

No matter what ails your child, a gentle, thorough laxative should always be the first treatment given.

If your little one is out of sorts, half-sick, isn't resting, eating and acting naturally—look, Mother! see if tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that it's little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad or has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs" and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile without gripping, and you have a well, playful child again.

Mothers can rest easy after giving this harmless "fruit laxative" because it never fails to cleanse the little one's liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach and they dearly love its pleasant taste. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and for the grown-ups printed on each bottle.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs"; then see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

FALL IS THE BEST TIME
to plant hedge shrubbery and shade trees. We can furnish you anything you want in the nursery line and plant it for you. We also furnish fruit trees, grape vines, etc.
H. W. LEAMAN & TITHERINGTON
Simon Addition

Now is the
Time to Think

of your winter clothing needs, and have them cleaned and freshened by our superior methods.

Footer's Service is always safest and best for Ladies' and gentlemen's garments.

Felt or other hats, slippers, shoes, sweaters, light wraps.

Just now we are preparing to render better and more efficient service than ever before.

**Footer's
Dye Works**

Cumberland, Maryland.

R. GILKESON, Agent,
Fairmont and Vicinity.

Hartley's

Notice of
Closing Hours

The Store will remain open
daily now until 5:30 p. m., Sat-
urdays, 10 p. m. Store open
every morning at 8 o'clock.

Hartley's

This Is Piece Goods Week

And for this week we will have on special display all the
New Piece Goods Patterns in the Dress Goods Section, 1st
floor, and in the Domestic Department, 3rd floor Annex

America has gained the leadership in the production of piece goods. Never has as beautiful patterns, as exquisite and practical fabrics been produced as are now shown by our manufacturers.

To properly present these new goods to you we have arranged a week of special display in all departments devoted to piece goods.

Silks, Silk and Wool Dress Goods, Suitings,
Coatings, Wash Fabrics and White Goods

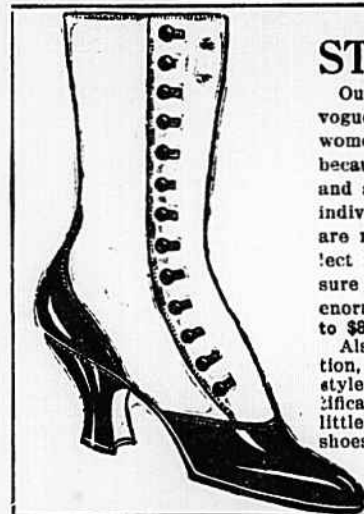
Each department will exhibit its newest patterns and fabrics, with suggestions as to how the materials can be made into garments.

The New Fall Stocks of Drapery
Materials Are Beautiful

There is increased refinement of colors and there are many new patterns, most of them confined to this store. Nearly all the shades that you will notice in the woodland flocks at this time of year are reflected in this collection of Autumn draperies to a greater or less degree. This department is showing the most beautiful patterns in cretonnes and other drapery materials it has ever been our pleasure to assemble. Besides there are full stocks of scrims, Madras, Marquisettes, Printed Linens, etc., to delight every visitor.

Cretonnes, 12½c to \$3.50 a yd.
Madras, 13c to \$1.00 a yd.
"Sunfasts" 50c to \$1.85 a yd.
Scrim, 10c to 50c a yd.
Printed Linens, \$3.50 to \$5.00 a yard.

Lace Curtains, \$1.00 to \$6.00 a pair.
Irish Point Curtains, \$4.50 to \$10 a pair.
Ripple Curtains, 50c to \$1.50 a pair.



STYLISH SHOES

Our shoes are enjoying a great vogue among the correctly attired women of today who wear them because they are graceful, smart and a step ahead of any others in individuality and elegance. There are many styles and colors to select from and everybody is pretty sure of a perfect fit because of our enormous stock. Prices run \$4.00 to \$6.00.

Also, in the Children's Shoe Section, are great assortments of styles and sizes, and all are scientifically made to give comfort to little growing feet. Children's shoes are \$1.50 to \$3.50.

First Floor.

A Warm Welcome from the New
Plaid Blankets

People like these plaid blankets because the unite practical service giving qualities with a daintiness and individuality that is quite pleasing.

Blue and white, pink and white, gray and white and other pleasing colors.

Cotton Blankets, \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Wool Blankets, \$2.75 to \$15.00.

Third Floor Annex.

Women's Coats, Suits,
Dresses for Every Taste

Hundreds now to choose from; the Fall collections are at their height and there is something new and lovely for every taste. Please note the particular pains that have been taken to have them rightly tailored and correct in color and fabric.

COATS—The new models are simply enchanting. Large cape collars that can be worn high on the neck; and that full sweeping effect from the shoulder to hem gives grace and dash seldom experienced in coat fashions. But you must see them to appreciate their real smartness. Prices run from \$6.75 to \$15.00.

SUITS—Splendid new fashions in lustrous broadcloth, velour, gabardine, serge and poplin, in colors, green, brown, blue, plum, taupe and black, are priced \$18.25, \$25.00 and \$29.50.

Many handsome and very exclusive models, with beautiful fur trimmings run anywhere from \$25 up to \$89.50.

DRESSES—Serge is the leading fabric in women's new fall dresses—and they are such practical, wearable dresses that it is little wonder for their vogue. Most of these dresses come in pleated styles, with beading or embroidery for trimming. The colors are blue, black, green and brown, and, including light weight jersey cloth dresses, the prices run from \$6.75 to \$25. A splendid assortment between \$6.75 and \$15.00.

Second Floor.



In the Showing of New Suits

Fine silks are beautiful at all times, but you must see the display in our Silk Section to realize the fullness of their charm.

In this showing are all the new and fashionable silks of the season—all weaves, all colors, all shades of colors. Not to mention an unusual collection of striped and plaid silks in various color combinations. Prices \$1.25 to \$2.50 a yard.

First Floor.

Broadcloths Are Foremost Among the
Wool Dress Goods Showing

Furs are one of the reasons, because the richness of furs and the elegance of broadcloth naturally go together.

There is a truly remarkable assortment here and so many beautiful new colors, light and dark, and all the other shades anybody is likely to want.

Prices \$2.00 and \$2.50; 50 inches wide. Besides here is full assortment of French serges in all colors, 46 and 50 inches wide, at \$1.25 to \$1.65. And plaid suitings and plaid coatings in beautiful color combinations at 75c to \$2.50 a yard.

First Floor.

Cotton Piece Goods Show

In the Domestic Department there is probably as large a collection of materials of fine standard quality as you are likely to find in large city department stores. Every piece of goods shown here is dependable, well chosen and priced lower than such good qualities usually sell for.

You will find—

Ginghams, 10c to 25c a yard.
Dress Linens, 40c to \$1.00 yd.
Flannelettes, 12½c to 20c a yard.
Duckling Fleece, 18c a yard.
Figured Sateens, 35c a yard.
Pique Crepes, 20c to 25c a yard.

Serpentine Crepes, 18c a yard.
Outing Cloths, 10c to 15c a yd.
Kindergarten Cloths, 25c a yd.
Devonshire Cloths, 25c a yd.
Galateas, 12½c to 25c a yd.
Madras, 12½c to 25c a yd.
Barnsville Flannels, 25c a yd.
Silklines, 15c a yd.

Lovely New Millinery
Coming In Daily

Scores of very smart hats are priced between \$5 and \$10. Sassy little hats with unexpected quirks and turns and curves. Large hats with sweeping lines that are surprisingly becoming. Smart black velvet and plush hats to go with tailored costumes. Besides, all the new Autumn shades to match the new coats and suits are splendid, ready, and in the most becoming styles.

Truly it is a wonderful collection of the smartest creations.

Second Floor.

The New Rugs for Fall Are Splendid

Warm and welcoming colors mark their new beauty—colors rich and deep and satisfying. There are the famous WHITTALL RUGS and other dependable qualities that wear longer and retain their beautiful colorings for many years. And the best of all is, that their prices are not any higher than the ordinary sort of rugs that are lifeless in colorings. Won't you come and see for yourself?

Third Floor.

FURS OF FOX

It is only the beginning of Autumn, yet the Fur Department is as busy as though it were six weeks later. All Fairmont seems to have heard of Hartley's furs. It is easy to choose them because every fur here is plainly marked with its true name and its one fixed price which is as low as its cost plus a fair, moderate profit will allow.

Fox furs are especially favorites because they are deep and give one's costume a picturesque quality not possible with flatter furs. Muffs are small or large, round or long, hoods, caps, melon or barrel shaped neckpieces include broad stoles and small animal scarfs.

Muffs, \$10 to \$50. Neckpieces \$7.50 to \$30.

Second Floor.

Children's Coats, Lovely
and Warm

For this season the Children's Section on the Second Floor is showing the most charming collection of little coats we have ever seen. There are beautiful creations in Plushes, Zibelines, Velvets, Broadcloths, Scotch Mixtures and Serges that will develop a wholesome pride in every little girl's heart.

Coats for 2 to 14 year girls, \$3 to \$18.00. For intermediate sizes, 12 to 16 years, \$7.50 to \$25.00.

Second Floor.